

REMARKS

At the time the Official Action was mailed, claims 30-52 were pending in the present application. In the Official Action, the Examiner allowed claims 42-52, objected to claims 33, 34 and 37-40, and rejected claims 30-32, 35, 36 and 41. In view of the allowable subject matter, Applicants have chosen to place the application in condition for allowance. However, it should be noted that Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections.

Based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, independent claim 30 has been amended to include the subject matter originally recited in dependent claim 37. Accordingly, claim 37 has been canceled. Further, dependent claim 33 has been placed in independent form including the subject matter originally recited in claim 30. Accordingly, independent claim 33, as amended, simply provides an alternate combination of allowable subject matter, as indicated by the Examiner. Finally, claim 36 has been amended to recite proper antecedent basis. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 30-36 and 38-52 are now in condition for allowance.

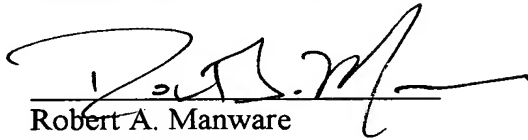
Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 30-36 and 38-52. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

While claim 33 has been amended to place it in independent form, no additional fees are believed to be due because the total number of independent claims included herein does not exceed 3.

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